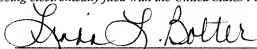


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Application No. : 10/726,177
Filed : December 1, 2003
Title : IMPLANT HAVING A SHAFT AND A HOLDING ELEMENT
CONNECTED THEREWITH FOR CONNECTING WITH A ROD
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Commissioner:

Enclosed is an amendment to the above-identified application.

| CLAIMS AS AMENDED | | | | | | |
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| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | Highest Number Paid For | Number Extra Claims | Small Entity Rate | Large Entity Rate | FEE |
| Total Claims Fee | 24 | *24 | 0 | 0 x \$25.00 | 0 x \$50.00 | 0 |
| Independent Claims | 2 | ** 3 | 0 | 0 x \$100.00 | 0 x \$200.00 | 0 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims *** | | | | \$180.00 | \$360.00 | 0 |
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_____ Attached is our check for \$ to pay the fees calculated above.
_____ A Petition for Extension of Time and the required fee are enclosed.
_____ Other enclosures:

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account.

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